


April 7, 2026

2026 MEDACCESSBC FORUM

Executive Hotel Vancouver Airport, Richmond, BC

AGENDA

| Time | Session | Speakers |
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| 8:00 – 9:00 am | Registration & networking <i>Breakfast served</i> | |
| 9:00 – 9:20 am | Land Acknowledgement & Opening Remarks | Don Bindon & Jamie Myrah MedAccess BC Board of Directors |
| 9:20 – 9:50 am | Keynote Address – Updates from the Ministry of Health: The government’s vision for delivering health equity to British Columbians | Dr. Ian Rongve Assistant Deputy Minister, Health System Policy and Oversight Division, BC Ministry of Health |
| 9:50 – 10:40 am | Panel Discussion - Breaking Barriers: Improving Patient Access to New Medications in BC Sponsored by:  | <u>Moderator:</u> Gail Attara CEO, Gastrointestinal Society <u>Panellists:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Terry Lake, former BC Minister of Health- Dr. Diane McIntosh, psychiatrist, author, and educator- Cassandra Nieman, living with multiple sclerosis |
| 10:40 – 11:10 am | Networking Break <i>Refreshments Served</i> | |
| 11:10 – 12:00 am | Panel Discussion – Rare Disease Realities: Challenges and Opportunities for Patients and Families Sponsored by: | <u>Moderator:</u> John Adams Co-founder & past-President, Canadian PKU and Allied Disorders <u>Panellists:</u> |



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| |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Charles Brown, Director of Government Affairs, Innovative Medicines Canada- David Fowler, living with transthyretin amyloidosis (ATTR)- Dr. David Kendler, Medical Director, Prohealth Clinical Research |
| 12:00 – 12:05 p, | Brief Remarks | Sunita Dhir, MLA Vancouver-Langara Parliamentary Secretary for International Credentials |
| 12:05 – 1:00 am | Lunch Break <i>Lunch served</i> | |
| 1:00 – 1:50 pm | Panel Discussion – Maximizing Impact: Vaccines as a Cornerstone for Public Health and Fiscal Sustainability Sponsored by:  | Moderator: Antonella Scali, CEO, Psoriasis Canada <u>Panellists:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Jia Hu, Interim Medical Director, Immunization Programs & Vaccine Preventable Disease Service, BCCDC- Alison Pozzobon, Vice President of Government Affairs, Market Access & Communications, GSK- Theresa Tang, Co-founder & CEO, Praxis Health |
| 1:50 – 1:55 pm | Brief Remarks | Brennan Day, MLA Courtenay-Comox Official Opposition Critic for Rural Health and Senior’s Health |
| 1:55 – 2:20 pm | Networking Break <i>Refreshments Served</i> | |
| 2:20 – 3:10 pm | Panel Discussion – Strengthening Resilience: Overcoming Implementation Barriers for Innovative Therapies Sponsored by: | Moderator: Graham Statt Chief Administrative Officer, District of Summerland, BC & former ADM, Pharmaceutical and Supplementary Benefits Division, Alberta Health <u>Panellists:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- H  l  ne Lalonde, living with multiple myeloma |



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| | Johnson & Johnson | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jennifer Lyle, CEO, Alzheimer Society of BC and Yukon- Matthew Sebastiani, living with inflammatory bowel disease |
| 3:10 – 3:30 pm | Final Reflections & Closing Remarks | Alanah Duffy & Jamie Myrah MedAccess BC Board of Directors |

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